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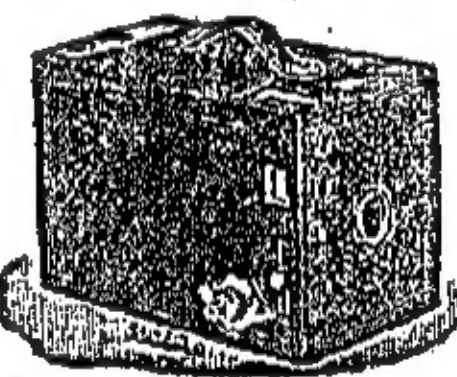
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MAKINER, to RACHEL RADCLIFFE, aged 21.
On 28th December, at Hong Kong, India, HARRY
SEYMOUR, to CONSTANCE MARY, elder
daughter of F. NEVILL MARY, of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

On 22nd November, at London, MARY F. FENNY,
wife of E. J. HANSEN, and younger daughter of
the late Sir NICHOLAS J. HANSEN, aged 32 years.
On 28th December, at Hong Kong, India, HARRY
SEYMOUR, to CONSTANCE MARY, elder
daughter of F. NEVILL MARY, of Shanghai.
On 2nd January, at Shanghai, FLORENCE E.
PAGE, aged 75 years.
On 3rd January, at Shanghai, J. M. FLOWERS,
of Durham, North Carolina, aged 25 years.
On 4th January, at Shanghai, JORAN JACOB
INDRÅY, aged 62 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEUX ROAD, C.I.
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HONGKONG, JANUARY 11TH, 1905.

How far General STROESSER was justified in prolonging the defence of Port Arthur after the Russian defeat at Linoyang, capped by General KUROPATKIN's failure to recover his lost ground at the Sha Ho, may well remain a moot question for future historians to decide. What concerns us now is what is likely to be the immediate effect of his eventual surrender. The Japanese are, as their conduct throughout the war has shown, a chivalrous people, and have never shown any disposition to judge at too low a rate the prowess of their enemy. Although they were ready to acknowledge the bravery of the defence, they have not in the terms finally granted shown any disposition to rate at any extraordinary value the personal valour of their opponents, and General STROESSER has had to share the fortunes of his fellow officers. There are, however, a set of noisy talkers ever anxious to settle the affairs of the entire world, who have made themselves conspicuous in the present instance by their fussy attempts to step in between the belligerents with their parrot-like cry of "Stop the war!" and have been

urging on the principal Powers of the world to separate by bringing to hear on both combatants what they are pleased to call peaceful pressure. Hitherto neither side has been willing to listen to these unwelcome suggestions, but with a perseverance worthy of a better cause these would-be busy-bodies have been announcing that with the fall of the fortress it was their intention to renew their possibly well-meant, but certainly ill-timed suggestions. War, it is acknowledged on all sides, is an evil to be avoided if possible at almost any sacrifice; but is this everlasting preaching the best way to bring it about? We throw not. Rather we would say it is the very best way to inflame those passions which have rendered the war inevitable; and the after effects of a patched up peace, instead of bringing about harmony, are far more likely to result in an intensification of the original differences. Russia on the one hand is by no means assured that she is beaten. Some of the sagacious counsellors on the Russian side openly advised at the beginning of the immediate abandonment of Port Arthur, and her concentration of her forces at Harbin and Vladivostok. This is actually the position at the moment. Except for the weakening by the last year's campaign of the fleet then in Eastern waters, neither Vladivostok nor Harbin has felt the pressure of the war. A large Russian fleet, larger in fact than the fleet with which she commenced the war, is now closely approaching Eastern waters, and of the success of this fleet Russia feels, or affects to feel, assured. Japan has to meet it a fleet certainly much damaged during the war; she acknowledges the loss before Port Arthur of two of her most powerful battleships, and it cannot be that the remainder, from the hard work they have encountered during the past summer, are as well equipped as when they started the war. On the other hand, the Japanese are confident in the superiority of their officers and crews, who have undoubtedly proved themselves hitherto more able and enterprising than their opponents, and have learnt much from the experience of the past. With the further advance of the Russian fleet the Japanese will be able to hamper their coal supply, and if they succeed in doing this effectively, the other ships will apparently be at their mercy. A position like this, where each side feels confident of victory, is not conducive to friendly counsels.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that the present condition of Russia, wherein her rulers have to face an imminent revolution, might be supposed to have some effect on the party in power and incline it to peaceful measures; but it has yet to be proved that that party has not wakened up to the gravity of the position, and even so, there are signs that it affects to see in a continuance of the war the best hope for the policy to which it has committed itself, of crushing out the revolutionary spirit. Such things are not contrary to experience, even in Russia. The latter end of the reign of CATHERINE was marked by a very similar spirit, and was met by encroachments abroad, when a policy of concession to the discontent at home would have seemed a wiser recourse than expending the force of the empire in distant expeditions. CATHERINE, however, succeeded in enlisting the sympathies of her subjects, and the danger passed off. CATHERINE's arms were, however, successful, while up to this the arms of Russia in the present contest have been from first to last unsuccessful. The tide, however, may of course turn, and in such an event the people at large may rally round the throne. Should Russia retire on the other hand, and acknowledge herself defeated, there is no doubt that the present discontent would be seriously aggravated. Russia therefore has, in the eyes of her present leaders at least, every inducement to persevere. This is probably the reason of the apparently aimless insults she has recently been offering to England. It is true that she has had momentarily to submit to an outside adjudication of the North Sea outrage, but there are already signs that she intends to repudiate her own bargain should the issue prove unfavourable; she has already gained time, and has made use of it to get her fleet into the Indian Ocean, and this was probably her sole reason for having so far yielded to dictation. She has, however, no intention of abandoning her policy of bluff; even the last mail brings news of her persistence in pretending to attack Afghanistan. It might have been supposed that between a war in Manchuria, needing all her resources, and a threatened revolution at home, the hands of Russia were fully occupied, without laying herself open to a further quarrel in Turkestan, already not too well content with Russian

rule. Desperate diseases call, however, for desperate remedies, and she gladly faces the situation, secure apparently in the belief that England, at least, will never fight. Whether England will at the last moment, to save her honour, adopt warlike measures is at best a doubtful point. Russia was equally confident that Japan would never dare to face her, and rushed blindly into a serious conflict which has already taxed her powers to the uttermost. All these things go to prove that Russia is prepared to carry out her game to the bitter end. With such a resolve, and the issue being in the eyes of her present rulers one of obliteration or victory, it is vain to expect that she will lend any ear to proposals of peace except on the assurance of the entire and unqualified submission of Japan. For the very same reason Japan is in no mood to withdraw from her present attitude; submission would, in effect, be with Japan extinction, and however much she may desire to ingratiate herself with her good friends on the Continent, she feels that she would not be justified in yielding at the cost of all that makes a nation great and respected to their blandishments.

The fall of Port Arthur will, however, open up a little more of Manchuria to foreign trade, and with this slight amelioration we must make up our minds to feel happy, at least for the present.

H. Collins, the man under arrest at Yokohama as a spy in Russian pay, was found guilty at the preliminary examination, and committed for trial.

The Philippines authorities have ordered the deportation of an Amoy Chinaman who had failed to register himself. This is said to be the first case of the kind.

The N.C. Daily News of the 6th inst. says: Col. Nathan, manager of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, arrived in Shanghai from Hankow yesterday. It is understood he is on his way to visit his brother, Sir Matthew Nathan Governor of Hongkong.

The case in which Badger, an Indian guard at Victoria Gaol, charged another guard named Jugget with assaulting him, remained from yesterday, came on for hearing before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday morning. After hearing further evidence His Worship committed the defendant to goal for six months.

Messrs Kelly and Walsh suggest that it may interest our readers to know that the oil painting now in their window is probably an "Old Master." It was discovered in a native house on the Dutch island Soeleir, south of the Celebes, and is by Henry Dubbel, painter of seascapes, "either master or pupil" of the great Dutch painter Baggen, 1631-1709.

The Kobe Chronicle says: In spite of the evils of free-trade alleged by Mr. Chamberlain, British trade still seems in a fairly good condition. The exports for November show an increase of three millions and imports two millions compared with the same month last year. In eleven months the increases have been six and a half and eight millions respectively.

Having indulged in some New Year moralising, and advocating greater effort to make friends with the Chinese, the Foochow Echo concludes: "But we do not mean that, going to the other extreme, one should sit pet and pamper the unsophisticated Native as to produce the longed-for louts who stare, spit, and swagger about our settlement, puffing up with the proverbially dangerous medium of Christian knowledge, and having exchanged their naturally good manners for no manners at all."

The N.C. Daily News, in reporting the death of Mr. George Fullerton of Shanghai on the 5th inst., says:—Mr. Fullerton, who was Shanghai-born, was some years ago in Messrs Butterfield and Swire's. He went to Hongkong, and resided there for some years, and latterly has been identified with the interests of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company at Shanghai. He was one of our most enthusiastic seamen, though not frequently seen on the river in recent years; and he had served in the volunteers both at Hongkong, where he commanded the Maxims, and at Shanghai.

The Singapore Free Press publishes the following:—Brussels, December 1.—A Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce has just been founded in Brussels, and is declared to be the first Chinese Chamber of Commerce established in the world. It already includes a hundred and fifty members, Chinese and Belgian merchants and traders, and it is the intention of its members, in addition to the work of the Chamber of Commerce in Belgium, to establish a commercial agency for the use of its members at Shanghai. The trade between Belgium and China has increased very considerably of late, chiefly owing to the encouragement given to it in high quarters in Belgium.

An interesting extract from Major-General Villiers' *History of the "Sport"* in the V.R.C. Magazine, is as follows:—"Horse racing would require a large space to 'opinionate' on, and I have not sufficient technical knowledge to dilate on it. But no one likes a Newmarket meeting better than I do, and I will confess that not only have I in a mild way had a bit on, but that I have a smacking regard for 'bookies,' a class whose generosity is not always appreciated." In the list of books he recommends to the members of the V.R.C. the gallant officer quite forgets to mention "Stonehenge," the sportsman's bible.

The Peking A.D. Care to report at Tientsin "His Excellency the Governor," which they recently produced at Peking.

The N.C. Daily News says:—The control of the stock of the Canton-Hankow Railway is again in American hands, the Belgian interests having been bought out.

It is understood that the Committee of the V.R.C. will appoint Mr. Frank Lamport as Hon. Secretary of the Club in succession to Mr. H. C. Austen.

The following "advt." appeared in the *Kobe Chronicle*:—"Horse for Sale, 3 Apartments, hot and cold water. Anyone can be shown over interior on Saturday first.—Address, &c."

Writing of the Baltic Armada, a contemporary observes:—"The possibility of an engagement occurring in the China sea becomes almost a probability, the only factor preventing it being the non-appearance of the Russians."

Inspector Macdonald paraded fourteen Chinese women before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday on the charge of keeping a gambling house at No. 27, Temple Street, Yumati. The defendants were each fined \$5, and \$15 taken from them by the police was ordered to be confiscated.

At Happy Valley this afternoon the H.K.F.C. "A" team will play the Army Ordnance Recreation Club—kick-off at 4.45. The "A" team is as follows:—S. O. Elso, goal; F. C. Hall and A. Loureiro, backs; C. A. Brown, R. Henderson and E. F. Annett, halves; C. Humphreys, H. S. Kennett, H. H. Taylor, F. O. Davies, and A. W. Fayer, forwards.

American journalism is always refreshing. The last *Manila Cablenews* to hand, dated January 7th, has four and a half inches of caption to a two-inch telegram. The headlines read:—"Back!" Says White Czar.—"Jailed up Fleet Ordered to Return up the Creek.—Japanese Squadron Will Stay in Waterfall Waters Till It Is Certain Slav Ships Distant.—The heading of the item giving the news of General Stoessel's surrender was "Red Ball Is Over Arthur."

There was great sorrow on January 1st, among her old friends in Shanghai, when it became known that Fanny Hannea, as she was popularly known to so many, was dead, having been carried off prematurely by cancer. A Shanghai girl from her birth, a resident in Shanghai and Yokohama up to the time of her marriage with her cousin, she was, says the N.C. Daily News, admired and loved by all who knew her; and with such kind and hospitable parents she could not but be known to practically everybody. Very great sympathy is felt with her husband and children, and with Lady Hannea, Miss Hannea, and "Bea," to whom her untimely death must be a terrible blow.

Writing on "Sport" in the second number of the V.R.C. Magazine, His Excellency Major-General Villiers Hutton, C.B., G.O.C., says:—"It is not necessary to be a great horseman to be a great sportsman. The man who wrote 'John Peel' hunted the Cumberland Hounds on foot." We may add that most fox-hunts in Cumberland are followed on foot, horses being used only to carry one to the meet. The fox nearly always leads to his hole high up in the hills, where cross country riding is not practicable. The master of the famous Blencathra pack, "Squire" Crozier, was the oldest active M.O.H. in the world. He always attributed, at the annual hunt dinner, his great age and hardness to the amount of running he had done on the hills, at the tails of the "merry dogs."

Among the passengers by the homeward-bound French mail steamer yesterday was Mr. Owen Ordish, the late superintending civil engineer of the new Admiralty Dock. The "Naval Works Loan Department" ceased to exist at the end of 1904, and the work has been taken over by the Admiralty Works Department. Mr. Ordish had, we believe, been in Hongkong upwards of nine years. Apart from his official duties, Mr. Ordish took an active interest in the local Volunteer force, having been a captain of the artillery section since 1899 until the beginning of the present year, when he resigned in consequence of his impending departure from the Colony. Socially, it may be said of him, that a man of his invariably cheerful and kindly disposition could not fail in so long a period of residence to leave behind him in the Colony many friends to regret his departure and to follow him with their best wishes wherever he may travel.—Mr. J. L. Houston, the resident partner of Messrs. Punched and Lowther, the Naval Yard Extension contractors, and Mr. G. Corderoy, adviser to the Admiralty, were also passengers, to Singapore.

THE CONDEMNED MEN.

Charles Smith, Erik Hogman and William Nason were to be hanged at five o'clock this morning.

The prison rules provide that the Superintendent of the Prison shall be present and superintend every execution, and that during the preparation for an execution, and the time of execution no person shall enter the prison who is not legally entitled to do so, unless in pursuance of an order in writing from the Superintendent. The officers superintending the execution are required, if possible, to be "decently clothed in black."

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

A REVEREND TODAY.

LONDON, 8th January.
The Procurator of the Holy Synod has sent an address to the Tsar protesting against the insensate machinations of certain nobles to induce him to weaken his authority: the Tsar possesses every right, except the right of breaking his oath, to preserve intact the autocracy of the orthodox faith.

REVOLUTIONARY RUSSIA.

LONDON, 8th January.
A monster banquet is being arranged in St. Petersburg to protest against bureaucracy.

THE WAR.

[DAILY PRESS SERVICE.]

KUROPATKIN CAPTURED CONVOY.

LONDON, 10th January.
General Kuropatkin has captured an important Japanese convoy.

NORTH SEA COMMISSION.

LONDON, 10th January.
The International Commission of Enquiry, appointed to consider the responsibility of Russia for the outrage in the North Sea, has been opened. The French representative (Admiral Fournier) was appointed president.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE SUPPLEMENTARY BALTIC SQUADRON.

LONDON, 8th January.
Admiral Botvinsky's squadron has left Suda Bay for Port Said.
Coal contracts are being signed on the Continent to supply the third Baltic squadron.

[N.C. Daily News Service.]

AFTER THE CAPITULATION.

TOKYO, 3rd January.
General Nicholson has returned to Tokyo. The two Houses of the Diet will pass a vote of thanks to General Nogi on the 6th inst. It is heard that General Stoessel has been allowed to cable to the Czar that further resistance was useless, and capitulation unavoidable.

THE RUSSIAN FUGITIVES AT CHEFOO.

CHEFOO, 3rd January.
A Russian launch chased by seven destroyers arrived here this morning, and landed a solitary passenger at an unfrequented place. It is supposed that he is an official.
The destroyers are still here, and negotiations are going on. There is great excitement among the Russians here.
The destroyers are dismantling and their crews have been interned in the West Fort.

Four Russian destroyers which arrived here yesterday morning have been allowed after an oath was signed to send their crews on shore. Their officers are freely lodged in a hotel, while the sailors have been removed to the Chinese barracks at the West Fort. Thus the disarmament of these boats has been commenced, but not so far concluded.

This morning a Russian torpedo-boat and two torpedo-launches arrived here.
The Japanese cruiser *Akikabuma*, accompanied by three torpedo-boats and four destroyers, is watching the entrance of the harbour.

THE "SAUVÉ QUI PEUT" FROM PORT ARTHUR.

CHEFOO, 2nd January.
At about 6 a.m. to-day, the Russian destroyers *Serdin* and *Vostok*, taking advantage of a thick fog, entered the outer harbour, and anchored off the Russian Consulate.
At a little past 7 a.m. the destroyers *Skory* and *Stary* also came inside the port, accompanied by a steam-launch, and anchored in front of the Customs.
Each of the vessels has a number of soldiers on board.

THE PORT ARTHUR PRISONERS.

TOKYO, 5th January.
The prisoners, roughly estimated, include eight generals, four admirals, 57 colonels and majors, 101 captains and commanders, 731 junior naval and military officers, 99 military officials, 109 surgeons, twenty chaplains, 22,434 soldiers, 4,500 sailors, 4,145 non-combatants and 1,970 horses.
The volunteers are mostly counted as soldiers.
The total number of prisoners is 32,207, of whom between fifteen and sixteen thousand are sick or wounded.

THE END OF THE "SEBASTOPOL."

TOKYO, 5th January.
The *Sebastopol* was towed out and blown up. Her hull heeled over, and nothing is now to be seen of her.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The following cards were returned at the monthly meeting held at Happy Valley from the 7th to the 9th January, 1905:—
CAPTAIN'S CUP.
Hon. F. J. Bodeley ... 39 - 11 = 78
Mr. T. S. Forrest ... 31 + 1 = 82
Mr. W. D. Kraft ... 94 - 10 = 84
24 entries.
POOL.
Mr. T. S. Forrest ... 75 + 1 = 76
22 entries.

CHINESE EMIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

The hearing of the case in which Wong Chuk Yau and Wong Tim were charged with (1) Defrauding one, Han Tim, of the sum of \$850; (2) and (3) Unlawfully attempting to defraud and deceive the China Navigation and Eastern and Australian S.S. Companies by obtaining from the said companies a passenger ticket for one Han Tim, to enable him to personate one Ah Wai, was continued before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, instructed by Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, prosecuted, and Mr. G. K. H. Brutton represented the first defendant, Wong Chuk Yau.

John William Hanson, Chief Detective Inspector, continued:—I was present when each of the defendants was charged. Their statements were taken in my presence.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brutton: I do not think it is necessary to have a photograph of an Australian naturalisation paper. As far as I know, Wong Chuk Yau is the master of the *Chan Hop*. The second defendant, Wong Tim, is employed there. The Crown Solicitor directed me to arrest the second defendant. When I saw Han Sui at the *Chan Hop* with the papers in his hand he said:—"These are what I am to use to go with." I am sure the photograph produced is of Han Tim. I do not know whether shipping companies require return passages guaranteed in the case of the Chinese passengers to Australia. The photograph produced (of Han Tim) is not like Han Sui.

Douglas Abbey deposed:—I am passenger clerk in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's, the agents for the China Navigation Co., Ltd. I am in charge of the booking of passengers by steamers on the Australian run. We are not allowed to carry more than 20 Chinese passengers without a licence. Our broker brings us a list of the Chinese passengers wanting to go, also a list of papers issued by the authorities in the Australian States. We would not issue a ticket if a Chinese passenger had no papers from the Australian authorities. I examine the papers when they are brought by intending passengers to the office. The papers are handed to the captain of the ship. He takes charge of them. The exhibit produced appears to be a certificate of naturalisation issued by the Government of South Australia. If a Chinaman had come to me with that paper, and had answered the questions I put to him, I should have given him a ticket. I would not have required him to produce a photograph. Certificates of domicile have photographs on them. If an intending passenger did not agree with the papers produced by him, I should refuse to issue a ticket. If a Chinese passenger arrives in Australia, and the authorities do not find his papers agree with his description, he must be brought back here at the expense of the ship. Each Chinese passenger going to Australia must have his return passage guaranteed. The guarantee would be given to the broker, and we would hold him responsible.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brutton:—Intending immigrants are introduced to our broker by other passenger brokers. We look to our broker for the passage money, so that practically the company does not stand to lose in case of the return of a passenger.

Cheung Hok Ling declared:—On the 21st December I read over and explained the charge to the first defendant at the Central Station, and after administering the usual caution, he made the statement produced.

Mr. Brutton objected to the statement being put in as evidence, as it was taken in connection with the charge of forgery which had since been withdrawn.

His Worship decided that it should be put in for the present, and the matter as to its admissibility could be argued later.

Mr. Bowley asked permission to put in the letters between Wong Chuk Yau and Han Tim.

Mr. Brutton objected as the conspiracy had not been proved.

Mr. Bowley:—If Wong Tim had taken the papers he got to a shipping company, the company would be liable to be deceived, and if the fraud were discovered, would be put to the expense of bringing the man back.

His Worship: It has been given in evidence that the company's broker guarantees the risk of a loss.

Mr. Bowley: It is quite right that the passage broker recoups the company. The conspiracy is proved in that the two men endeavoured to defraud Han Tim by obtaining from him the sum of \$850 on the representation that they were assisting him to legally land in Australia. On the three charges a *prima facie* case of conspiracy is established. If a passenger got into Australia the shipping company would be deceived, but not defrauded; on the other hand, if he were not allowed to land, the company would have to bring him back. The letters were put in the charge of conspiracy must be proved. Not merely in intention, but by agreement between the parties. There was no evidence with regard to the combination, and no proof forthcoming to prove that they conspired to defraud the two companies. They might just as well say that he and his clerk had conspired to defraud some body in his office. It was impossible for the defendants to actually defraud the shipping companies. The only man who could do that was Han Tim himself, and if he chose to go to the defendants he was a party to the conspiracy, as he was willing to pay the \$850 for what he knew was a false certificate.

Mr. Bowley said the defendants were acting in concert as the result of a previous agreement. He had proved certain acts committed by them, from which the fact that they had agreed together could be inferred.

His Worship: The whole case turns on the point as to whether there was conspiracy or no conspiracy. If conspiracy is proved the letters go in, and I am bound to commit the case to the Sessions. I will reserve the point. Hearing continues.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held in the Board Room yesterday afternoon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present the Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Col. W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C., Mr. Fung Wa Chan, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Rumsdell, Dr. F. Clark, Dr. H. Macfarlane, Dr. B. T. Barnett and Mr. T. A. Hammer (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

"AN INCONGRUOUS PROVISION."

In November last the Board drew the attention of Government to the language of the proviso to Sub-section 3 of Section 188 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, as in the opinion of the Board it must have been the intention of the Government to permit houses coming within that proviso to be re-erected to a height not exceeding twice the width of the street. The proviso was worded—*"if a house of a height of forty-one feet originally were fronting on a twenty-foot street it could only be re-erected to a height of one and a half times the width of the street, i.e. to a height of thirty feet, whereas if such house had originally been of a height of 39 feet 6 inches it could have been re-erected under the terms of the proviso to a height of 39 feet 6 inches and it seemed difficult to suppose that the Legislature could have intended to enact such an incongruous provision. It seemed only reasonable to suppose that the Legislature intended to lay down in the proviso the general principle that houses falling under the proviso should be allowed to be re-erected to a height not exceeding twice the width of the street. It was suggested by the Board that it might be expedient that the provisions of any amending Ordinances to be passed to remedy the above should be made retrospective so as to date from the coming into force of Ordinance 1 of 1903."*

The reply was thus—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
23rd December, 1904.

Sir,—With reference to your letter No. 375 of the 7th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the interpretation placed by Government on the proviso to sub-section 3 of section 188 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903 is as follows:—

1. A house fronting such a street as described may in any case be re-erected to a height equal to one and a half times the width of the street;
2. Should the existing house exceed in height one and a half times the width of the street but not exceed in height double the width of the street it may be re-erected to the same height as at present;
3. Should the existing house exceed in height double the width of the street, it may be re-erected only to a height equal to double the width of the street.

(Sd) F. H. MAY (Colonial Secretary).

PROPOSED CEMETERIES FOR KOWLOON.

Dr. F. Clark in a minute wrote—*"In view of the growing pressure on the available space in the Protestant Cemetery at the Happy Valley, I have the honour to recommend, for the consideration of the Board, that a site should be reserved and laid out as a Protestant Cemetery at Kowloon."*

The Hon. Mr. Brown minute—*"I understand the Roman Catholics wish to apply for a Cemetery as well. A site which can be divided among all religions should be selected."*

Mr. H. E. Pollock minute—*"What site is suggested?"*

Mr. E. A. Hewett minute—*"Agree. A most suitable site came to my notice. Foothills should be set aside for a cemetery to be divided, as the Happy Valley is, between all denominations requiring regular burial ground."*

The President—*"I move that a Sub-Committee be appointed to select a suitable site."*

This was agreed to, the following being the Sub-Committee—*"Dr. J. M. Atkinson (the President), the Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones (the Vice-President), and Mr. A. Rumsdell."*

CLEANSING THE COLONY.

Dr. B. T. Barnett made this report—*"The following is a return of the general cleansing carried out in Victoria, Kowloon, Kowloon City and Shaukiwan under the supervision of the Board's officers during the fortnight ending December 10th, 1904:—Houses, 2,953; floors, 7,250; empty floors, 202 (cleaned by the Board's coolies); cartloads of rubbish removed by the Board's coolies, 1852."*

"A VERY REASONABLE REQUEST."

Messrs. Palmer and Turner, architects and surveyors, applied (under section 180a) for a modification of the requirements of the Ordinance regarding the provision of open space in the rear of a Chinese house in First Street, standing on the rear part of Inland Lot 877, which are about to be rebuilt. At the back of these houses at present there is an open lane ten feet wide. Under section 180 a scavenging lane six feet wide is required. They asked that the difference between the required width, six feet, and the actual width, ten feet (i.e., two feet for each corner), may be calculated as part of the open space required, although such open space will not be enclosed within the yard walls but remain as part of the ten foot lane.

Dr. F. Clark minute—*"I recommend that this be sanctioned on condition that the gates are removed from both ends of the lane and that no further obstructions whatever be erected in or over the lane."*

The Hon. Mr. Brown minute—*"The yard walls will be removed or replaced by railings?"*

Mr. A. Rumsdell minute—*"A very reasonable request."*

On the motion of the President the application was granted on the condition that the yard walls be only eight feet high.

OPEN SPACE.

Mr. E. M. Hazell minute—*"The Board allow the lane at the rear of Nos. 77 and 79, Temple Street, Yamnati, to count towards the*

open area as required by section 180 of the Ordinance. Also that exemption from the provision of a scavenging lane be granted, as on open lane of twelve feet in width had been provided, half by the owner of the property mentioned and half by the owners of houses fronting Station Street South."

A BUILDING MISTAKE.

Mr. E. M. Hazell also applied that the Board allow that portion of the lane which his client had provided at the rear of Nos. 7 and 8, A Chung's Lane, as a scavenging lane, to count towards open space as required by section 180. The houses had recently been re-built and completed, and by a mistake the building was not set out according to the plan and the area of the open space at the rear was thus reduced, making the area less than one third of the roofed over area of the buildings. They were two-story buildings, well ventilated and lighted and No. 8 was a corner house.

Dr. F. Clark minute—*"I have inspected these houses and am prepared to recommend that they be accepted on the condition that the scavenging lane be given up to Government after it has been opened into Ng Kwai Fong to enable the scavenging coolies to have access to it."*

The Hon. P. N. H. Jones minute—*"Approve M.O.H.'s recommendation."*

Mr. E. A. Hewett minute—*"I think the Board should have further details. If we pass this how are we to know that 'mistakes' may not be made on purpose so as to evade the terms of the Act? Is there not any responsible person whose duty it is to see buildings are constructed according to the approved plan? If so, how is it the houses were completed before the mistake was discovered?"*

The President read out the Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones's reply, the latter being absent—*"No. There is no such person. It would be absurd to expect the officers of the Building Authorities to measure up and practically act as overseers during construction for the architects (who know their liabilities for deviations from deposited plans) in addition to their proper work of inspection for bad work and materials. When the occupation certificate of a building is asked for then the Building Authority has the work actually carried out and measured and compared with the plans, with the result as in this case that any deviations discovered are either put right or exemption is asked for from the proper authority—in this case the Sanitary Board. The suggestion here made by the M.O.H. would be a gain for the Government and should be followed."*

Mr. E. A. Hewett—*"When was the mistake discovered?"*

The President—*"When the building was complete."*

Mr. E. A. Hewett—*"It seems to me that this is encouraging intentional mistakes. I think the architect should suffer—the application should be refused. Though I have a very high opinion of most Hongkong land owners I think a few of them are capable of taking advantage of us in this way."*

The President—*"If that (refuse) were done the Government would lose. We would not get the scavenging lane."*

Mr. E. A. Hewett—*"It is only by an accident the Government is going to gain like this? I think a severe penalty should be inflicted—even make them rebuild the house if necessary."*

Dr. F. Clark—*"It is a matter of 90 or 100 square feet of land they are going to give up to the Government without getting anything for it."*

Mr. E. A. Hewett—*"A good penalty?"*

The President—*"Yes."*

Mr. E. A. Hewett—*"That is good; I believe in cases of this sort in having the 'pound of flesh'."*

The application was granted.

THE PROVISIONS RE WINDOW OPENING.

Messrs. Leigh and Orange asked (under clause 4 of section 175 of Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903) for exemption from provisions in respect of a window (ground floor) opening out into the rear of No. 99, Des Voeux Road Central, and No. 47, Connaught Road Central. These two houses adjoin Jubilee Street, and are therefore corner houses with large openings in both streets and additional windows in Jubilee Street.

Dr. F. Clark minute—*"These are both corner houses. The reason for the application is that a staircase is to be put across the window, partly obstructing it. I see no objection to the application being granted in this case."*

Messrs. H. E. Pollock and A. Rumsdell minute—*"Grant."*

The application was granted.

"OCCUPANTS ARE WELL TO DO."

Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs requested the Board's permission to put up wooden partitions on the first floor of No. 2, Lok Hing Lane.

Dr. B. T. Barnett minute—*"I think these partitions might be allowed. They will hardly interfere with the lighting and ventilation as this is a corner house. The houses in the side lane on the opposite side are as high as this floor only. The occupants are well to do."*

Mr. A. Rumsdell minute—*"Grant."*

The application was granted.

PUBLIC URINALS.

It was reported that two public urinals in front of Marine Lots 54 and 234 respectively have been completed.

PLAGUE DURING 1904.

A diagram showing the relation between rat and human plague during fifty weeks of 1904 was laid on the table. The curve showed approximate equality.

THE POWERS OF THE SANITARY BOARD.

Yee Shun Yuen, having received a notice from the Board, applied for permission to retain the glass screen enclosing one side of the verandah of the second floor of No. 179, Des Voeux Road Central. "The floor," he said, "is used as an office and the glass screen is for protection against the inclemency of the weather."

In respect of this Dr. Francis Clark wrote to the Crown Solicitor—*"Would you mind telling me how you would interpret section 130 of Ordinance 1 of 1903? Can the Sanitary Board grant permission for the erection of partitions in verandahs over Crown land, or allow such to be enclosed and used as bath rooms, etc., or does the permission allowed by this section relate solely to the letting down of blinds in such verandahs and balconies between sunset and sunrise? The latter is the preferable reading, as it is more in accordance with previous legislation on the subject. The exception as regards blinds was interpolated at the instance of His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, but it was never intended that the wording should carry power to allow all the other structures mentioned in the earlier part of the section."*

The Crown Solicitor replied—*"I think the permission relates solely to the letting down of blinds at night time."*

The President—*"This has not been circulated. It is important on account of the ruling of the Crown Solicitor. Re-circulate."*

SANITARY INSPECTORS' DUTIES.

Applications re the sale and preparation of food were treated. With respect to an application to register No. 1, Stone Nullah Lane, as a bake-house, Inspector J. A. Lyon reported that the premises were not suitable for such a purpose.

Mr. E. A. Hewett minute—*"The Sanitary Board should be informed of the manner for showing the premises are unsuitable if they are asked to refuse any application."*

Mr. A. Rumsdell minute—*"I agree with Mr. Hewett. Sanitary Inspectors' duties are to report on the condition of the premises as per form attached. Has Dr. Barnett visited the premises?"*

Mr. H. E. Pollock minute—*"I agree with Mr. Hewett."*

The President—*"Dr. Clark has visited the premises."*

Mr. E. A. Hewett—*"I thought it was merely stated that the premises were unsuitable?"*

Mr. A. Rumsdell—*"What is the objection?"*

Dr. F. Clark—*"The premises are dark and in a plague district."*

Mr. A. Rumsdell—*"Other houses in that street have licences."*

Dr. F. Clark—*"Yes, that is one reason why there should not be any more."*

Mr. E. A. Hewett—*"After Dr. Clark's explanation I beg to move that the application be refused."*

Mr. A. Rumsdell seconded, and the motion was carried.

THE QUARRY BAY FISH SUPPLY.

Respecting an application for a licence to sell fish in respect of No. 44, Quarry Bay, the President said—*"Four premises are licensed to sell fish at Quarry Bay. This is enough."*

The application was refused.

A CONTAMINATED WELL.

From the analysis of a sample of water from a well situated at On Wai Lane East (depth, sixteen feet) Mr. A. C. Franklin, Government Analyst, wrote that he was of opinion that the water is so contaminated with impurities as to be unfit for drinking purposes and likely to prove injurious to health.

The Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones minute—*"Close under supervision and see that filling in is properly consolidated."*

The President—*"I move that we order the well to be closed, for the analysis shows the water to be not much better than sewage."*

This motion was seconded and carried.

ADULTERATED MILK.

It was reported that Mr. A. C. Franklin was recently sent a sample of milk for analysis, and found same to be adulterated. The culprit was prosecuted.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Recent analyses of samples from the public water supplies showed the water, in each instance, to be of excellent quality.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The following figures for the whole Colony are given in the mortality statistics for the week ended the 24th December last (death rate per thousand per annum)—British and foreign civil population, 103 (week ended the 17th December last, 30.8; week ended 26th Dec. 1903 34.1); Chinese land population, 131 (17th Dec. 1904, 15.6; 26th Dec. 1903, 13.0); Chinese boat population, 19.5 (17th December, 18.5; 26th December, 1903, 12.1); Chinese land and boat together, 14.1.

LIMEWASHING RETURN.

The Limewashing Return for the fortnight ended the 3rd inst. showed that 2,190 houses were lime-washed in the Western District.

RAT RETURN.

The Rat Return for the week end the 7th inst. showed that 397 rats (including nine plague-infected rats) were caught in Victoria, and 162 (including six infected) at Kowloon.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Here are some New Year reflections by that sprightly contributor to the *Kobe Chronicle*, Mr. F. A. Guppy—*"My friends, in looking back to-day gravely and solemnly over the past twelve months, can we feel that the 366 days have been profitable to us? Have we made only a bigger y cent. per cent. or have we improved on the minimum? Have we done anything with regard to our bills of lading which would deliver us to the 'restraint of princes'—if they can catch us? Are our invoices figured out at a rate sufficiently modest for professional countries? Have we shown enough magnanimity by strictly buying in the cheapest and invariably selling in the dearest market? Does our banking account, which is the surest evidence of an easy conscience, show an increase in bulk? All these questions are deserving of attention of every business man. At this solemn moment of passing from the threshold of one year to another, and I submit them with the feeling that they will receive the fullest and most ample consideration from a world that hangs on my counsel."*

MORE MANILA COMMENT ON "LEGASPI'S" FATE.

The *Cablenews* is responsible for the following—*"The speculations as to the fate of the Legaspi grow more involved as time passes and nothing is heard of the steamer."*

The latest is to the effect that she sailed laden with ammunition for some mysterious port in northern Luzon, and a circumstance in connection with the rumour is the fact that Collector Shuster admits having received word from Hongkong that she left that port with considerable munitions of war on board.

The collector was very sceptical as to the reliability of the report, so much so that he did not deem it necessary to take any steps to verify it by despatching a boat northwards.

The disappearance of the *Legaspi* is altogether abnormal, the conditions obtaining in these waters are equally so, and a growing number of people are beginning to trace a connection between them. These people argue, that with the increased number of vessels it is absolutely impossible for the boat to have so completely disappeared if she had been wrecked. Some tell-tale evidence must have been left floating on the waters.

A ship captain said that the supposition was altogether unreasonable, and the vitality with which the rumour that the *Legaspi* is still afloat survives almost argues that some individual who knows her whereabouts is at the bottom of it.

In this connection the report of Captain Pridenax, who commanded the *Nauyas* in her search for the steamer, is printed.

The report is addressed to Admiral Stirling, and is in part as follows:—

Sir—I have the honour to report that, in obedience to your orders of twenty-third instant, I proceeded in search of the *s.s. Legaspi*. Leaving Cavite at three o'clock in the afternoon of the twenty-third, I proceeded through the Boca Chica pass and set a course for the Scarborough Shoal. At 9.30 p.m. I sighted a steamer's lights and fired a rocket to attract her attention. She did not answer, and I altered course to close with her. By ten o'clock I made out a steamer of the same type as the *Legaspi* on a course about S.S.W.; I fired another rocket and sounded the whistle several times, but she kept right on, and though I followed, it was some time before I came within hailing distance. Then I found she was not the *Legaspi*, but a British vessel called *Amos* on passage from Amoy, destination did not catch on account of wind. Reported that she had seen nothing since leaving, but had experienced very dirty weather. It was blowing hard at the time, and there was a considerable sea rendering communication difficult. As I was leaving her they hailed me and spent another half hour chasing them to hear what they had to say. It was not until about seven o'clock they had observed a rocket fired to the S.W. of them. They had not investigated. I at once laid a course to pass about 15 miles to the S.W. of their 7 o'clock position, and arriving there sent up several rockets but received no answer. At 2.45 a.m. I gave it up and proceeded again for the Scarborough Shoal.

Arrived off shoal at noon, and cruised around eastern, southern and western edges at a distance of from half a mile to one mile. Saw no wreckage. At different times came within sight of all the N.-eastern coast, but did not run down it as a very heavy sea was running and any breakdown of this edge would have seen the ship. The rocks at this shoal are so small that they would afford no hold or shelter for any shipwrecked person.

Having sailed myself off that coast, vessel, or boats were in the vicinity, I laid a course for Trunco Shoal and passed near the position of this bank at half-past eleven. Sent up three rockets at short intervals of time and proceeded towards Macleod Shoal.

Arrived off the N.-eastern end of this bank at 8 a.m. on Christmas Day. Cruised down the eastern and southern part of the bank during the day, and shortly before dark came to anchor off the Shoal in the S.-western part of the bank. Fired three rockets during the early part of the night.

Proceeded in the early morning to cruise along the Western part of the bank, and after going along the northern part left the bank just as darkness set in. Soundings were taken at intervals during the time the ship was on the bank. At noon of this day, I made an attempt to find the drift of the ship by anchoring a life-buoy and allowing the ship to drift for half an hour. I failed to locate the buoy again, but knew the ship must have drifted more than a mile to about S.S.W., because she drifted right off the bank the buoy was anchored on. Believing that the *Legaspi* would be broken down, I sent an anchor I estimated the drift at one knot per hour, and after leaving the bank, laid courses that would intercept her between the bank and Palawan Island. Both day and night a lookout was laid and was still kept aloft, and during the night while on these courses a rocket was fired every two hours. Nothing, however, was seen of the *Legaspi* or of any other vessel with the exception of the one on the first night out.—Very respectfully,

WILLIAM D. PRIDEAUX,
Master, Commanding.

The Commander-in-Chief.

United States Asiatic Fleet.

This report but complicated the mystery; some vessel signalled the British vessel *Amos* and then sailed away.

In the midst of all the conjectures and suspicions there is one man who is hoping almost against hope that perhaps some one of them may turn out to be true, and he is Senior Yitru, the owner of the ship, and the father of her captain.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic* left Nagasaki for Manila on Monday, the 9th inst. at 4 p.m., due Manila on Saturday, the 14th inst. at 7 p.m., the *Meru* of the 16th inst. H.R. mail has been transferred to the *str. Roon* at Nagasaki, due here on the 17th inst.

The I.G.I. steamer *Seydlitz*, which left here on Wednesday at noon, arrived at Singapore on Sunday at noon.

The I.G.I. steamer *Bayern*, which left here on Friday, arrived at Shanghai on Sunday at midnight.

The I.G.M. steamer *Prinz Waldemar*, which left here on the 4th inst., arrived at Kote on the 9th inst. at 1 a.m.

SHIPPING NOTES.

A steamer's masts are showing about fifteen feet above the water, reports the Captain of the *Meru* of Good Hope Cape—the wreck of the *s.s. Workday*, no doubt.

The *s.s. Kelong* was handed over to her new owners, Messrs. Jensen and Co., yesterday. She will now fly the German flag.

Capt. Owen Wilks, who recently visited the wreck of the *s.s. Shrewsbury*, is expected from Saigon in a few days.

The Hamburg-America Line are building two steamers for the Shanghai-Tientsin trade.

The *s.s. Orley* arrived from Chingwan-tao and Chefoo yesterday en route for Duran with coals.

The *s.s. Swley*, having undergone repairs at Singapore, arrived here yesterday.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1904.

TELEPHONE MANNERS.

The following comments by the *Straits Times* are just as applicable to Hongkong and Shanghai as they are to Singapore.

If A or B were to call on C's house at dinner time, or at any other hour of the day or night, he would never dream of bursting into the presence of C without first sending in his name. Should he attempt to intrude without any such preliminary courtesy, his act would be a positive rudeness. At the same time, A or B, or even C, will blithely ring up D at any hour of the day or night by telephone, and never dream of prefacing his remarks with the announcement of his own name. Nay more, if D's boy answers the telephone—as D's boy would assuredly answer the door-bell—and asks the caller for his name, it is nine chances out of ten that the caller refuses it. His sole reply is the mandarin—*"Pangil Tuan!"* or *"Pangil Mem!"*—as the case may be, and in many instances he will persist in his command to call the master or the mistress even when informed that both of them are at dinner. We speak now of persons who are in the ordinary course of life, and telephone apart—would never dream of behaving discourteously. The thousand and odd people in Singapore who can afford the luxury of a telephone have, for the greater part, become sullen in their self-acquired rudeness in this respect, and the commonest amenities of social intercourse are so far ignored by them that they really feel affronted if requested to conform with them. In an office like the *Straits Times*, which is called up many times during every working hour of the day, it is most interesting at times to listen to the tones of resentment in which a caller for a person other than the one who answers the telephone surrenders his name when it is asked for. A man who might come into the office to see for instance, the Editor, would have to send in his name before the Editor would receive him. Let the clerk ask the same man his name or his number when he calls for the Editor over the telephone, and the man becomes fearfully indignant. Why? One nuisance about this rude custom is that it often precludes the proper use of the telephone by those who would like to use it legitimately, because many subscribers who do not desire to be bothered by persons who will not give their names to the clerk or boy, as the case may be, often put the cut-off plug in the instrument to avoid bother. If people would only learn to be as courteous when they thrust their anxieties at their friends or acquaintances over telephone as they would be if they desire to make the same confidences in person, it would be much pleasanter for all concerned. The average telephone user insists on knowing the name of the person who answers a call before he or she—the caller—will surrender his or her own name or number. If it were made the regular custom—and we know people with whom it is an irrefragable rule—that when the clerk refused his name or number the respondent was invariably to ring off, if evil might soon be mended. In connection with all this it is suggested to the telephone company that it extend its List of Subscribers by the addition of an index by numbers—that is to say giving the numbers in order from 1 to 1,000, or whatever the total number of the subscribers may be, with the names of subscribers after them, so that a subscriber could look up and find at a glance the name of a caller who might let his number to the clerk or boy that answered the phone during his absence. This would be a great convenience to the public.

MEN-OF-WAR PRIVILEGES.

The *Times of Ceylon* recently reported that one of the harbour tugs at Colombo had dented the plates of the French cruiser *Pascal*; and it was further stated that the Commander of this man-of-war did not intend to raise the question of damages, although he was not prepared under the circumstances to pay for the use of the said tug. In this connection it will be interesting, perhaps, to know what are the privileges which a foreign man-of-war enjoys in a British harbour over an ordinary merchantman. In the first place, she may stay in the port of Colombo, for instance, as long as she likes—of course, within reasonable limitations—without paying a cent in the shape of port dues, and everybody knows, port dues are a not inconsiderable item in a ship's bill. This is really the main concession which is granted to men-of-war passing through a foreign port.

Pilotage dues have to be paid by them, just as by the ordinary merchantman; and also, we understand, the use of the tug is granted only on payment according to tonnage. This raises a question in regard to the *Pascal*. Her captain, it has been explained, did not desire to press a claim for damages, which, by the way, are not very serious. Had he decided to do so, the international courtesies which govern such a case would have had to be put into operation; and no doubt a satisfactory understanding would have been reached. But it would have been a lengthy business and yards of red tape would probably have been used; so perhaps the French captain was right when he decided that eight days would not have allowed him sufficient time to see the matter through. Anyhow the *entente cordiale* is as strong as ever.—*Straits Times*.

BEACHCOMBERS IN MANILA.

The American tramp seems to have made his appearance in Manila in rapidly-increasing numbers lately. The news has been spread abroad on the mainland that a paternal Government deported all unfortunate, paying all expenses, and the result has been that stayaways and minor employees on the transports have been in the habit of staying ashore there, knowing that in the last resort they were assured of transportation back to the States.

Judge Liddell yesterday, says the *Cablenews* of January 7th, changed the precedent, and ordered a vagrant who requested transportation to be fined 60 pesos, to be worked out at the rate of fifty cents a day.

The evil has grown to such an extent that eight men yesterday requested transportation to San Francisco on the ground of destitution and inability to get anything to do here.

NOTICE.

Communications respecting advertisements, notices, and special business matters should be addressed to the Editor, Daily Press, only, and special business matters to the Manager.

Orders for extra copies of DAILY PRESS should be sent in before 11 a.m. on day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Only supplied for cash.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Telegraphic Address: Press, Codes: A.B.C., 5th Ed. 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

P.O. Box, 33. Telephone No 12.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

IM hiesigen Handelsregister A. 1. Bd. 1. Nr. 2 ist zu der Firma
MEICHERS & CO.
hente eingetragen worden:
Die dem Kaufmann EMERHARD ALEXIS ROEHR erteilte Prokura ist erloschen.
Die Firma ist in die Hände
Swatow, den 31. Dezember 1904.
208 KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after this date interest at the rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon all calls in respect of Shares not Fully Paid Up from the day appointed for Payment of such Calls, namely 3rd January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1905. [110]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 21st January, to MONDAY, the 30th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED, General Agents for
THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [211]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

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A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [212]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE. JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIA.

FOR BRISBANE AND SYDNEY, VIA NEW GUINEA.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ WALDEMAR," Captain C. Waldemar, will be ready to load for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd February, 1905.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. MEICHERS & CO. Agents.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1905. [213]

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

FROM JAVA PORTS AND MACASSAR. THE J.C.L. Steamship

"TJILATJAP," Captain Koops, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge and/or Cargo left on board after the 13th inst. will be landed in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. No Fire Insurance has been effected. The steamer will be despatched for Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, and Yokohama on the 14th inst.

Head Agency of the
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE,
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [214]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"PALMA" FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAIT.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:
From London, &c., ex ss. Persia.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 17th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [1]

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG," having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 13th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [18]

HONGKONG HOCKEY CHALLENGE CUP.

ENTRIES for the above CLOSE TO-MORROW, the 12th inst. Names of intending teams, together with \$10 entrance fee, must be sent on or before that date to
T. C. GRAY, Hon. Secretary, Care of Hongkong Club.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [189]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE date of the Closing of Entries for the FORTHCOMING RACE MEETING is POSTPONED until SATURDAY, the 14th January, 1905.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [111]

WANTED.

AT ONCE, a First-class HOUSE of Five or Six Rooms. Good Location. Willing to pay \$200 for suitable place.

Apply to—
M., Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [104]

SITUATION WANTED.

YOUNG COMPETENT ACCOUNTANT. Six Years' Eastern experience, good knowledge of Shipping, Insurance, &c., requires Permanent Position. Highest credentials and bond if necessary.

Apply—"POSITION," Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [107]

SITUATION WANTED.

ENGLISHMAN, (23) just from home. Requires Situation. See in Years London Office. Thorough knowledge BOOKKEEPING, SHORTHAND, TYPEWRITING. Commercial Correspondence and Office Routine generally. First-class references.

BOX 550. Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [3020]

DOCTOR WANTED.

FOR EMIGRANT STEAMER. Apply to—
S. A. L. A., Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1904. [112]

SITUATION WANTED.

BY Japanese Young Woman, situation as HOUSE MAID or as GENERAL SERVANT.

Apply by letter, to—
N., Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [156]

WANTED.

A FOREIGN CERTIFICATED NURSE for the International Hospital at Kobe, Japan. Applications in writing should be addressed to
EUGENE H. GILL, Acting Chairman of Trustees.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905. [187]

SHORTHAND.

PRIVATE LESSONS given in Pitman's Shorthand. Terms moderate. Apply by letter to—
"J. W.," P. O. Box 143.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [200]

LESSONS IN FRENCH.

NEW and easy method of learning French in a few months, mainly by conversation with a Frenchman. Terms very moderate. Also Lessons in English by an English Lady, E. R.

Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [1703]

SI ENTING.

SURGEON DENTIST. No. 10, DAGUILAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE. Consultation Free.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1903. [222]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself in this Colony as SHIP, FREIGHT AND GENERAL BROKER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

A. A. DA ROZA, P. O. Box 394,
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [155]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of the late JAMES PARK WINGATE (Deceased), in our Firm Ceased on 31st December, 1904.

Amoy, 1st January, 1905. [169]

WANCHAI STORING CO.

FROM 1st January, 1905, we have CEASED to be AGENTS for the above Company. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [171]

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [171]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership existing between LI PUT LAM, LAU TAT CHO alias LAM YIK WO, and LI KU TSEUNG has been dissolved as from the 6th day of January, 1905.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [199]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Inspector W. L. Ford, to Sell by Public Auction,
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 11th JANUARY, 1905, at 2.30 p.m., at his Quarter, No. 8, Police Station, Cause Road, THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905. [189]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Executor of the Estate of the late J. H. COX, to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) & FRIDAY, the 12th and 13th JANUARY, 1905, commencing each day at 2.30 p.m., within his residence in Austin Road, Kowloon (opposite Sir Paul Chater's Bungalow), THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., &c.

Containing:—
BRASS BEDSTEAD—with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, OVERMANTLES, TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, CHEST-OF-DRAWERS, PICTURES, STATUETTES, DINNER SERVICE, GLASS and ELECTROPLATED WARE, BLACKWOOD TABLES and FLOWER STANDS, &c., &c.

Also
One SEMI-GRAND PIANO by John Brinsford & Sons, London. Two FIELD GLASSES and Two TELESCOPES. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 7th January, 1905. [181]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of JANUARY, 1905, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Tai Hing Village, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots.	Register No.	Loc. Div.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	100	Tai Hing Village.	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	2,250	1,350

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THIS Old Established Firm especially Caters for Ship and Engine Repairing. The Works may be reached in 10 minutes from Blake Pier by Ricksha or Electric Tram. Launches will call alongside vessels in the harbour flying the Call Flag F.

Telephone 142.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1905. [133]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sunday, excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. PARLANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1904. [55]

THE SWATOW GRASS CLOTH SILK

and DRAWN THREAD WORK DEPARTMENT.

Wholesale and retail quotations, particulars and samples, will be sent free on application to the above depot.

Swatow, 8th June, 1904. [216]

DAVID CORSE & SON'S

MERCHANT NAVY

NAVY BOILED

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2 & 4, KENNEDY ROAD, and

"TOWER HOUSE," Kennedy Road.

EXCELLENT Table. Every room comfortable. Well furnished rooms facing the harbour.

For terms, apply to—
Mrs. G. SACHS, "St. George's House."
Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [70]

"TANG YUEN"

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT.

European Supervision. Excellent Cuisine and Accommodation.

Apply—MANAGERS, Macdonnell Road.

FAIRALL & CO., Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1901. [51]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

MRS. GILL AND SONS

"GLENWOOD," 27, Caine Road.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1904. [2265]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board.

Apply to Mrs. LATHAM, Peddler's Hill.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1902.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, 1905, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1904, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED, from SATURDAY, the 14th January, until WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, 1905, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [205]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LD.

NOTICES IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, 1905, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED, from SATURDAY, the 14th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905. [188]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Call of \$7.50 per Share has been made in respect of all Shares not fully paid up, and that such call is Payable on 3rd January, 1905, at the Registered Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [97]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

NOTICE.

WE Beg to Notify Customers that from 1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts will be rendered for Aerated Waters. An inclusive charge will be made for Waters and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for empties when returned.

Orders for Aerated Waters should be addressed to
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, Aerated Water Manufactory, Des Voeux Road Central.

PRICE LIST:

\$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition.

Per Doz.

Soda Water \$1.70

Soda Water in Bombay Bottles 1.80

Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda 1.80

Lemonade 1.80

Tonic Water 1.80

Lithia Water 1.95

Ginger Ale 1.95

Lemon Squash 1.95

Raspberryade 1.95

Stone Ginger Beer 1.95

Hongkong, 25th December, 1904. [108]

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE.

WE Beg to Notify Customers that from 1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts will be rendered for Aerated Waters. An inclusive charge will be made for Waters and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for empties when returned.

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THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

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\$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition.

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CASH OR CREDIT

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [215]

TO LET

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THREE SPACIOUS APARTMENTS,
suitable for Office, on the 2nd Floor above
Tak Cheong, Tailors.
Apply to—
TAK CHEONG
No. 50 and 52 Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [138]

TO LET

NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE, the Peak.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [32]

TO LET, FURNISHED.

"LEWKNOR," Mount Gough, Peak,
from the 15th March. Well furnished.
Less than 15 minutes from Plantation Road
Tram Station.
Apply to—
M. W. SLADE,
54, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [148]

TO LET UNFURNISHED.

A DESIRABLE RESIDENCE in
MACAO, in excellent position and near
Praya Grande; contains 12 Rooms.
For terms and particulars, apply to—
SUPERINTENDENT,
E. E. Telegraph Co.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1904. [93]

TO LET.

"GREENCROFT," Robinson Road,
Kowloon. Detached House,
with Tennis Court and Vegetable Garden.
OFFICES in Clarence Buildings, facing
New Post Office and Hongkong Hotel.
Apply to—
HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1905. [180]

TO LET.

SIX FIRST-CLASS EUROPEAN
HOUSES in Observatory Road, Tsim
Tsa Tsai, Kowloon. Each with Five Spacious
Well-ventilated Living Rooms, Two Bathrooms,
Kitchen, Garden, Tennis Courts, Servants'
Quarters, Water, Gas, Electric Lights and
Bells. Moderate Rental. Possession on or
about 1st April, 1905.
Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [202]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS, with Verandah and Bath
Rooms, on the 1st Floor of College
Chambers (No. 31, Wyndham Street).
Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [302]

TO LET.

ONE LARGE GODOWN, No. 112A, Praya
East.
Possession from 1st January, 1905.
Apply to—
D. DORABJEE,
King Edward Hotel.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1904. [89]

TO LET

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NOS. 19 & 21, SEYMOUR ROAD.
Nos. 74, CAINE ROAD.
GODOWNS Nos. 31A, 31B, 34G, Praya East
Possession from 1st January, 1905.
Apply to—
COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha,
Hongkong, 1st December, 1904. [84]

TO LET.

GODOWNS No. 100 and 101, Praya East,
with Water Frontage.
Apply to—
VICTORIA BUILDINGS,
Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [97]

TO LET.

3RD FLOOR, suitable for Office.
Apply to—
WING CHEONG,
35, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904. [91]

TO LET.

A T East Point, a NEW BRICK-BUILT
TWO STORED GODOWN with
Water Frontage.
Apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1904. [88]

TO LET.

OFFICE ROOMS at Nos. 12 & 14, Queen's
Road Central (Corner House), also
GODOWNS at Back. Can be let separately
or wholly. Rent moderate, cheaper if the whole
is taken on a long lease.
SEVEN EUROPEAN HOUSES, late
F. Blackhead & Co. and Shawan, Tomes & Co.'s
Offices. Ground Floors and Top Floors with
Godowns can be let separately on leases.
Apply to—
CHUNG SHUN KO,
12 & 14, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [92]

TO LET.

ONE FURNISHED BEDROOM, in Des
Vaux Road. Central position, Light
and Airy. Or can be let as an Office.
Apply to—
Care of Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [95]

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIFON TERRACE.
A HOUSE in WONG-NEI-CHONG
ROAD, facing Race-course.
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing the
Polo Ground.
OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT
ROAD (near BLAKE PIKE).
GODOWNS; PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 29th June, 1904. [81]

TO LET.

LYRIE Unfurnished, to let in about 2
months. Newly repaired, Painted and
Colour-washed.
No. 7, BELLIOS TERRACE, 1st Row.
Nos. 11 & 14, " " 3rd Row.
BUNGALOW (Furnished), at New Terri-
tory, Kowloon, 4 Rooms, low rental.
"KELETT CREST" (Furnished), Peak,
for 24 months from 15th April to 30th June,
1905.
Apply to—
Linstead & Davis.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1905. [90]

TO LET.

THREE FIRST-CLASS SHOPS,
European Style, in Kowloon. Posses-
sion on or about 31st August, 1905. Moderate
Rentals.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE &
FINANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 21st June, 1904. [97]

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 3, New Praya, Kennedy
Town.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1904. [83]

TO LET.

ONE GROUND FLOOR for Shop and
ROOMS for Offices on 2nd Floor of New
Buildings, next to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Co., Pedder's Street. Electric Lift.
Apply to—
AHMET RUMJAHN,
61, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1905. [138]

TO LET.

A 3-STORYED HOUSE, in Elgin Street,
No. 38, from 1st February, 1905.
Apply to—
DARTLY & CO.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [157]

TO LET.

THREE TENNIS COURTS at Kowloon,
known as "Villota."
Apply to—
J. M. P. DA SILVA,
Stamp Office.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [201]

HONGKONG CLUB.

TO LET.

A SUITE of TWO ROOMS, on the
Ground Floor of the Annex, suitable for
Offices. For particulars apply to the undersigned.
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [185]

TO LET.

ONE ROOM, on the First Floor of
Alexandra Buildings.
Apply to—
SECRETARY,
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [86]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

AN ELECTRIC LIGHT WIRE—AUTOMATIC
PULSE-TAKING—A MYSTERY STILL—PERIO-
DICITY OF VOLCANOES AND EARTHQUAKES—
PHOTOGRAPHS BY DARK LIGHT—WIRELESS
TIME-TELEGRAPHY—POROSITY OF EGGS—
SKELELS—BRITAIN'S DRYEST LAKE.

A more efficient and durable lamp filament is
much desired, carbon being wasteful because
only weak currents can be used with it. The
first experiments were with platinum, but more
recently osmium and ruthenium have been
looked upon as promising. These have failed
through volatility or oxidation at a high tem-
perature and in an imperfect vacuum. Iridium
alone does not vaporize at white heat, and the
troublesome brittleness of this metal has been
at last overcome by Guleher, of Charlottetown,
who draws into wire a mixture of the powdered
metal and vegetable glue, subsequently burning
off the vegetable matter in an oxy-hydrogen
flame. The resulting very hard filament is
flexible enough for use in electric bulbs, while
it is claimed to be very durable and to economize
power.

The pulse register of Dr. Gartner, of Vienna,
has proven very successful in lessening the
surgons' work in watching the circulation of
patients under anaesthetics. It consists of a
watch-like box, which is attached to the patient's
forearm, and with hands that are moved over
the dial by a sensitive spring, very accurately
showing the pulse and blood-pressure vibrations.
It even reveals pulse action so feeble that the
finger cannot feel it.

The much-ridiculed name of "liquid crystals,"
is still retained by Dr. Otto Lehmann, who has
published an enlarged list of the organic com-
pounds having the peculiar properties. These
substances, as was first made clear fifteen years
ago, have two melting points, and at intermediate
temperatures move freely like liquids, but
polarize light like crystals and show the
dichroism of crystals. Whether they are really
like solid crystals is still disputed.

Recent volcanic activity has led H. J. Jensen,
of New South Wales, to investigate the records
of Vesuvius, Etna and other volcanoes for about
a century. From the volcanic eruptions and
magnetic disturbances of 1850 to 1857, Kluge
has inferred a connection between these phe-
nomena and sun-spot minima, and this theory is
confirmed. It is suggested, that at such periods
the earth becomes colder, as it not only receives
less energy from the sun but radiates more heat
into space on account of diminished cloudiness.
Various factors play a part in earthquakes, and
in predicting these disturbances it seems neces-
sary to consider lines of weakness and of fault-
ing in the earth's crust with regard to the
phase, sun-spot minima with regard to the
period, the relative position of earth, moon
and sun with regard to the season, and possibly
cyclones and atmospheric pressure with regard
to the day.

The ultra-violet microscope gives magnified
pictures by invisible light. By using quartz
lenses, light can be used of much shorter wave-
length than that passing through the ordinary
lenses, and when the object is illuminated from
cadmium electrodes nothing is seen by the
naked eye. Placing a fluorescent focusing
screen in the eyepiece, however, brings out the
image in green. Photographic plates are very
sensitive to the rays from cadmium electrodes,
and pictures taken show a remarkable amount
of detail.

The wireless electric time service of M.
Bigourdan includes a central clock making an
electric contact every second. This emanates an
oscillator, and the signals are transmitted from
an elevated mast to the receiving clocks. A
chronograph band and recording pen make it
possible to read the signals to one-fiftieth of a
second.

A wonderful lichen of Madagascar, the com-
pass plant, grows only on the eastside of certain
trees when at home, but in European botanical
gardens is found to shift its position to the
north side of trees as it becomes acclimated.

That eggs, like other foods, may absorb
poisons in spite of their shells has been proven
by L. Catus, a French experimenter. On
being allowed to stand in cold water, the
absorption of liquid by a raw egg was very
slight, and on taking from hot water the boiled
egg was found to have lost weight from the
evaporation of interior gases. When the cooled
egg stood in water until it cooled, however,
there was a very sensible gain in weight from
absorption of water. The view of housekeepers
being thus confirmed, it is evident that almost
any poison can be introduced into eggs, and the
shells do not even give security against disease
germs that water may contain.

In the survey of the Scottish lakes, which is
now nearly completed, a depth of 1,017 feet has
been reached in Loch Morar. This proves to be
the deepest lake in the United Kingdom, as the
surface is but thirty feet above sea-level,
nearly the entire bed of the lake is below the
surface line of the ocean. Only seven deeper
lakes are known in Europe, four being in Nor-
way and three in Italy. At a depth of 1,000 feet
the temperature of Loch Morar is fairly con-
stant throughout the year, at about 42 deg.

A curious effect of the war in the Far East is
the migration of sharks to European waters.
The submarine explosions are supposed to have
frightened the creatures, which have passed
through the Suez Canal, and have been making
havoc among the fishes of the Adriatic. In-
vasion of the Black Sea even has been feared.

Tobacco has been discovered by M. Delie,
a French physiologist, to have a sedative action
upon the auditory nerve. He therefore cautions
moderation in the use of the drug, and avoiding
altogether where deafness has already begun,
or where there is a family history of such
troubles.

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ARRIVALS.

ANGHIN, German str., 101, T. J. Schaefer, 9th Jan.,—Bangkok 2nd Jan., Rice and Wood.—Butterfield & Swire.
BALTIK, U.S. str., 4,000, (Rear-Admiral Folger on board) Comdr. Sargent, 10th Jan.,—Chiofo 6th Jan.
BURMA, Austrian str., 1,374, N. Valentin, 9th Jan.,—Cardiff 19th Nov., Coal.—Order.
CHOYSENG, British str., 1,424, (Rear-Admiral Folger on board) Comdr. Sargent, 10th Jan.,—Canton 9th Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CLARA JENSEN, German str., 1,103, J. Bendixen, 10th Jan.,—Canton 9th Jan., General.—Jensen & Co.
DRAGONIAN, British str., 2,214, R. Owen, 10th Jan.,—Mojito 4th Jan., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
HAITAN, British str., 1,183, Reach, 10th Jan.,—Foolchow 6th, Swatow 8th, Amoy 9th Jan., General.—Douglas Lafrank & Co.
KALIBIA, British str., 3,141, F. Walker, 10th Jan.,—Kutchinotat 5th Jan., Coal.—Bradley & Co.
KWANLOE, Chinese str., 1,460, Lincoln, 10th Jan.,—Shanghai 7th Jan., General.—Chinco.
MEFOO, Chinese str., 1,321, J. Whitlow, 10th Jan.,—Shanghai 7th Jan., General.—Chinco.
NAMNANG, British str., 2,591, G. Payne, 10th Jan.,—Calcutta 24th Dec. and Straits 3rd Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
PALMA, British str., 4,913, G. W. Cockman, 10th Jan.,—London 27th Nov. and Singapore 4th Jan., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
SPERBER, German gunboat, 10th Jan.,—from Canton.
SWANLEY, British str., 2,980, Wm. Sheldrake, 10th Jan.,—Singapore 3rd Jan., General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
TAIWAN, British str., 1,109, H. Harder, 10th Jan.,—Shanghai 6th Jan. and Swatow 9th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
TILATAP, Dutch str., 5,747, W. Koops, 10th Jan.,—Java 2nd Jan., General.—Java-China-Japan Line.
WOSANG, British str., 1,121, H. S. Malkin, 9th Jan.,—Chinkiang 4th Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
10th Jan.
Australien, British str., for Port Darwin.
Carl Diederichsen, German str., for Haiphong.
Mefoo, Chinese str., for Canton.
Parned, British str., for Amoy.
Signal, German str., for Haiphong.
Wosang, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

10th Jan.
ANGHIN, British str., for Amoy.
BENLARIO, British str., for Nagasaki.
CHOWTAT, German str., for Bangkok.
DUNBEA, French str., for Europe.
HOGUE, British str., for Mira Bay.
IPHIGENIA, British str., for Mira Bay.
KUKIANG, British str., for Shanghai.
KWANTAN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
LOONGMOON, German str., for Shanghai.
LYREMOUN, German str., for Canton.
OCEAN, British str., for Mira Bay.
PROMISE, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
TAIWAN, British str., for Canton.
TEAM, British str., for Amoy.
WALBORA, British str., for Amoy.
WOSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"
Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1905. [52]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.
THE China Mutual Steamship

"KINTUCK."

Captain Robinson, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at 4 P.M.
For Freight, apply to
A. S. MIHARA, Agent.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1905. [147]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"HAITAN,"
Captain Beach, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 12th inst., at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRANK & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905. [194]

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
"CANTON,"
Captain Stankel, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 12th inst., at 4 P.M.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905. [195]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR VICTORIA (B.C.) AND SEATTLE, WASH., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship

"IYO MARU,"
Captain S. J. G. Parsons, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.
A. S. MIHARA, Manager.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [162]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR COAST.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.
About 30th Jan., 1905.
For freight and further information apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th November, 1904. [93]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island, and these vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.
3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	MALTA	Brit. str.	—	R. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 14th inst. at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRIAM	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th Feb.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	KINTUCK	Brit. str.	—	Robinson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	LALANUS	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 18th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	AUTALIA	Brit. str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 24th inst. at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	ROCK	Ger. str.	—	G. Meiners	MELCHERS & CO.	On 18th inst. at Noon.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL.	C. FERD. LARSEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 13th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AMERICA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Porzelius	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 21st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 31st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARCADIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 9th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 21st Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Lüning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 7th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Tommerich	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 21st Mar.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINA	Aus. str.	1 m.	Edmondson	SANDER, WILKIE & CO.	On 28th inst. P.M.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	AXAX	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Feb.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	CROYDON	Brit. str.	—	—	ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & CO.	About 14th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	RAJISSA	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 30th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SENECA	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO. LD.	About 21st inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	E. Beetham, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-day.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TABART	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 25th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN.	TEBEMONT	Brit. str.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED.	On 27th inst. at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAGASAKI, &c.	IYO MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON	TYDEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Brehmer	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst. at Daylight.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	NUMANTIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
BRISBANE & SYDNEY, VIA NEW GUINIA	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. Walker	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TSINAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. A. Evans	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 14th inst.
JAPAN VIA SHANGHAI	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	—	JATA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	TAIATAT	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	KWANTAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	SECHUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	CANTON	Brit. str.	—	Stankel	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	PALMA	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 15th inst.
SHANGHAI	SIMLA	Brit. str.	—	F. E. Summers	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 15th inst.
FOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	—	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 15th inst. at Daylight.
TAMUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	PRINCE OF WALES	Jap. str.	—	H. A. Haralson	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst. at Daylight.
TAMUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	M. STREVE	Jap. str.	—	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
AMOY, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DECIMA	Jap. str.	—	Schickler	DOUGLAS LAFRANK & CO.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	Rosch	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 13th inst. at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 14th inst. at 10 A.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 21st inst. at 10 A.M.
MANILA	ZARIBO	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
CEBU & ILOILO	KAISON	Ger. str.	—	E. Müller	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	Zwart	JATA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	About 19th inst.
BATA VIA, CHEBEON SAMARANG, &c.	TIJANAS	Dut. str.	—	A. Stewart	DAVID SASSOON & CO.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	CATHERINE APCAR	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 18th inst. at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NAMANG	Brit. str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 13th inst. at Noon.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	ISCHIA	Ital. str.	—	Maganzini	—	—

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

STEAMERS.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION SAILING DATES.	1904
ROON	WEDNESDAY	18th January
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY	1st February
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY	15th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	1st March
PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY	15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY	29th March
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY	12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of JANUARY, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship "ROON," Captain G. Meiners, with MAILS PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 16th January. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 17th January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 17th January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [5]

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL

SS.	CAPTAIN
"LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
"SORALA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.
"INDRASHAMA"	Captain R. P. Craven.
"INDRABELLI"	Captain S. C. Clington.
"COURTFIELD"	Captain J. W. Martin.
"SWANLEY"	Captain J. P. Dawson.
"CRANLEY"	Captain W. E. Steele.
"IKBAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
"ASCOT"	Captain G. E. Cox.
"SILK"	Captain E. S. Pearce.
"SEALDA"	Captain J. Rowley.
	Captain Geo. Brown.

For Freight, apply to
GIRB, LIVINGSTON & CO., AGENTS.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [19]

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
ANPING, VIA SWATOW	"DECIMA"	THURSDAY, 12th Jan., at Daylight.
AND AMOY	"SCHLAIRKE"	Jan., at Daylight.
TAMUI, VIA SWATOW	"FRITHJOF"	SUNDAY, 15th Jan., at Daylight.
AND AMOY	H. A. HARALDSEN	at Daylight.
FOCHOW, VIA SWATOW	"TRIUMPH"	WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., at Daylight.
AND AMOY	"M. STREVE"	SUNDAY, 22nd Jan., at Daylight.
TAMUI, VIA SWATOW	T. BRANDT	at Daylight.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's postal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers. For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8 Des Vaux Road Central.
T. ARIMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [14]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA INLAND SEA OR JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brehmer	January 23rd, 1905.
"ARABIA"	4,483	Bahl	February 13th, 1905.
"ARAGONIA"	5,198	Schmidt	March 5th, 1905.
"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	March 31st, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to
ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [3]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
TREMONT	9,666	T. W. Garlick	Thursday, January 19th
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Thursday, February 9th
PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Parington	Saturday, March 4th

† Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.
The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND COUSINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.
The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with very Superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.
For further information apply to—
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, GENERAL AGENTS.
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1904. [7]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER-DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRISTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATE.
C. FERD. LARSEN	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 13th Jan. Freight.
Capt. von Hoff	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
AMERICA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 21st Jan. Freight.
Capt. Porzelius	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
SITHONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 31st Jan. Freight.
Capt. Hildebrandt	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
ARCADIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 9th Feb. Freight.
Capt. Förck	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 21st Feb. Freight.
Capt. Filler	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 7th Mar. Freight.
Capt. Luning	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
RHENANIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 21st Mar. Freight & Passengers.
Capt. Behrens	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	

For Further Particulars, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE
HONGKONG OFFICE.
No. 1, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALTAO. (Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA,"
Captain Maganzini, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 13th January, at NOON. At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [4]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"MALTA,"
Captain R. A. Peters, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on SATURDAY, the 14th January, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Himalaya," 6898 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuable, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement), will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Egypt," due in London on the 25th February, 1905. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required. For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1905. [1]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. 8 Hongkong, 9th January, 1905.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES

Mails per s.s. *Gauche*, which left Nagasaki for Manila, have been transferred to the s.s. *Roon*, which is due here on or about the 17th inst.

The *Enoch Simons*, with the French Mail of the 9th December, left Saigon on Monday, the 5th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 5th November.

The *Stella*, with the English Mail of the 16th December, left Singapore on Monday, the 5th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 14th inst. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 15th November.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Hankow	Wednesday, 11th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Wednesday, 11th, 7.30 P.M.
Chinkiang and Wuhu	Wingchui	Wednesday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Wuhu	Wingchui	Wednesday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Phraung	Wednesday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER (B.C.)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.
Extra Postage 10 cents)

FOR	PER	DATE
Macao	Hankow	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	C. A. P. A.	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 P.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	C. A. P. A.	Wednesday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kiung	Wednesday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Kiung	Wednesday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Saigon	Derwent	Wednesday, 11th, 4.00 P.M.
Quang Chou Wan	Derwent	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Derwent	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Derwent	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Namto	Derwent	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbu	Derwent	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Derwent	Thursday, 12th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 7.30 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Saigon	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Quang Chou Wan	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Namto	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Sanbu	Wingchui	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 7.30 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Saigon	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Quang Chou Wan	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Namto	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Sanbu	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Wingchui	Friday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Household Furniture, S. Police Station, Cause Road, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Household Furniture, Austin Road, Kowloon, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

10th January

On LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/11 1/2

Bank Bills, on demand 1/11 1/2

Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 1/11 1/2

Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 1/11 1/2

Credits, at 4 months sight 1/11 1/2

Documentary Bills, 4 months sight 1/11 1/2

On PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 246

Credits, at 4 months sight 249 1/2

On GERMANY.—

On demand 2.0

On NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 47 1/2

Credits, 60 days sight 48 1/2

On CANTON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/45 1/2

Bank, on demand 1/45 1/2

On CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/45 1/2

Bank, on demand 1/45 1/2

On SHANGHAI.—

Bank, at sight 7 1/2

Private, 30 days sight 7 1/2

On YOKOHAMA.—

On demand 9 1/2

On MANILA.—

On demand 9 1/2

On SINGAPORE.—

On demand 1 p.m.

On BATAVIA.—

On demand 1 p.m.

On HONGKONG.—

On demand 1 p.m.

On SAIGON.—

On demand 1 p.m.

On BANGKOK.—

On demand 1 p.m.

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate \$15.05

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$54.00

BAR SILVER, 100 fine, per tael 28

OPIUM.

Quotations are— Allow 1/2 cent to 1 cent.

Malwa New \$1070 to \$1090 per picul

Malwa Old \$1140 to \$1160 "

Malwa Older \$1200 to \$1220 "

Malwa V. Old \$1250 to \$1270 "

Persian fine quality \$850 to "

Persian extra fine \$900 to "

Patna New \$1120 to " per chest

Patna Old \$ " to " "

Benares New \$1080 to " "

Benares Old \$ " to " "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Enoch Simons* left Saigon on Monday at 2 p.m., and is due here to-morrow.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Siberia*, from San Francisco to the 17th Dec., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the 6th Jan., a.m., via Kobe, &c., and is due here on the 14th Jan.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Sinla* left Singapore for this port on the 9th Jan. at 6 a.m., and is due here on the 14th Jan. at 4 p.m.

THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN MAILS.

The I.G.M. steamer *Roon*, (with American mails transferred by the str. *Gauche*) left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 9th Jan. at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 17th Jan.

The I.G.M. steamer *Zieten* left Colombo on the 7th Jan., p.m., and may be expected here on the 19th Jan.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on Monday, the 26th Dec., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE C.M. steamer *Avon* left Shanghai on the 8th Jan., and is due here to-day.

The C.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Ayas* left Singapore on the 5th inst., p.m., and is due here to-day.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenroy*, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 5th Jan., a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Shire Line steamer *Denbighshire*, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 4th Jan., p.m., and is due here to-day.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Shanghai at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, the 8th Jan., and left again at noon on Monday for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. to-day.

The J.C.C. Lija steamer *Typhoon* left Karatsu for this port on the 4th Jan., and may be expected here on the 16th Jan.

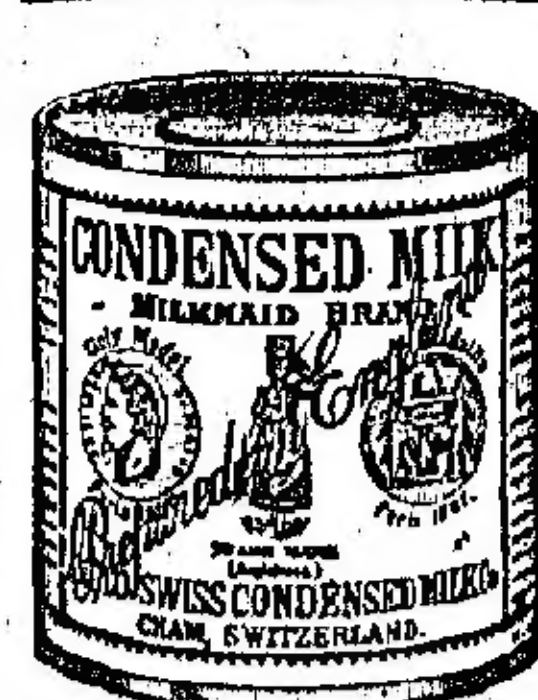
The C. & P. steamer *Gauche* left Nagasaki for Manila on Monday, the 5th Jan. at 4 p.m., due Manila on Saturday, the 14th Jan. at 7 p.m., and is due here on the 18th Jan.

The P. & A. steamer *Nunantia* left Portland (Or.) on the 18th Dec. via Japan ports, and may be expected here on the 23rd Jan.

The steamer *Louther Castle* left New York on the 5th Dec.

The steamer *Lyra* left Victoria on the 12th Dec.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 10th January.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$710, sellers
Nat. Bank of China	28	\$83, sales
A. S. S. Co.	28	\$83, sales
Foreign Shares.	41	\$10.
Insurance—		
Union	\$100	\$630, buyers
China Traders	28	\$58.
North China	28	\$71.26, sellers
Langze	60	\$150.
Canton	\$20	\$250.
Hongkong Fire	\$10	\$340, buyers
China Fire	\$90	\$91, buyers
Steamship Coys.—		
H. Canton and N.	\$10	\$27 1/2, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	\$10	\$1.7, sellers
China and Amoy	\$10	\$23, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$10	\$34, sales
Star Ferry	\$10	\$38, sellers
Shui Transport & Trading Co.	41	\$25, ex div.
Refineries—		
China Sugar	100	\$25, sellers
Luzon Sugar	100	\$10, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	£25.250	\$490.
H. & W. Dock	10.1	\$31, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$102.50, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$4	\$27, sellers
S.C.F. Ryd & Co., Ltd.	£10.100	£16.15, ex div.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land	\$100	\$146, sellers
Kowloon Land	\$80	\$84.
West Point Building	\$80	\$89, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	\$80	\$143, sellers
Humphreys & Co.	\$17	\$123, sellers
Shanghai Land	\$30	£14.117.
Cotton Mills—		
Two	£10.25	£14.25, buyers
International	£10.25	£14.25.
Lau Kung Mow	£10.25	£14.30.
Soychies	£10.25	£14.15, sellers
Hongkong	£10	\$13, sellers
Companies—		
Alumina, Ltd.	\$500	\$100, buyers
Hill's Asbestos Co.	128.40	\$14.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$10, buyers
China-Japan Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$14, buyers
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$14, sellers
Dairy Farm	\$5	\$13, sellers
Go. Fenwick & Co.	\$25	\$45, sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong Electric	\$5	\$9, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$10, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$10	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Light	\$10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong Ryd	\$10	\$10, sellers
H.K. Steam Water	\$10	\$10, sellers
boat Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10, sellers
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10, sellers
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	\$50	\$50.
Co., Ltd.	\$50	\$50.
S. China Morning	\$25	\$22, buyers
China Light	\$10	\$10, sellers
Power Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10, sellers
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$5	\$7.
China Light	\$10	\$10, sellers
United Asbestos	\$10	\$10.
Do.	\$10	\$10.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$10	\$10, buyers
Watson & Co., A.S.	\$10	\$12, buyers
William Powell, Ltd.	\$10	\$12, sales & buy.

VERNON & SAYTH, Brokers

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM

WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

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